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399th DANBURY COMPOSITE SQUADRON NEWS

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JUNE 2014

Commander's Corner

Major Jim Vigar
Commander/CT042

The 399th had a busy start to 2014, with lots of good things happening. We have had an influx of new cadet and senior members and we are happy to have them on board. We held search and rescue training, covering urban direction finding, GTM3 and flight-line marshaller. Also, a 399th ground team did an excellent job coordinating with another squadron to find an active ELT in a burned out building.

Cadets did a great job in May competing in the rocketry competition, while a second group helped the Air National Guard with exercises at Westover Air Reserve Base, MA. Most recently, a number of cadet and senior members participated in the Danbury Memorial Day parade. Thanks to all who marched and honored our fallen heroes. Also, a big shout out to Captain Johnny "Wildman" Burke, who performed a flyover for the New Fairfield Memorial Day festivities.

The rest of the year will be very busy and lots of fun. Our next build, a suborbital challenge, looks to be a very promising and rewarding project. Building a high altitude balloon will give cadets a real chance

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CADET AWARDS & PROMOTIONS



Senior Airman

Feik Achievement

Brighton Key

Bridgewater Fair

August 15, 16, 17, 2014

Save the dates for our primary fund raising activity. All squadron members are needed to manage the parking lots on behalf of the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Company.

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to work as a team to accomplish a challenging goal and get real world experience in leadership, teamwork, technical operations and critical thinking. The launch date will be determined on completion of *“the package.”*

On June 8 we are helping the Business Aircraft Center (BAC) with a car and motorcycle show held at Danbury Municipal Airport. The Bridgewater Car Show (not to be confused with the Bridgewater Fair), is scheduled for June 22 with a backup date of June 29. The Danbury fireworks display will be held on July 3 at the airport. All members are invited to the squadron with their families to enjoy front row seats.

We will be holding a first aid class on July 12 at squadron headquarters for those who need to get the certificate for their ground team and UDF certification. The cost is \$20 for seniors and \$10 for cadets. Family members are also invited for a cost of \$25 per person. The fee covers the cost of materials. Please submit your reservations to Major Jim Vigar along with a check made out to the 399th Danbury Squadron. The session is limited in number so please make sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. There will likely be a CPR class the next day, on July 13, with times and prices to come.

Parents, I encourage you to have your cadets enter your email address into [eServices](#). This is very important because it is the main source from where we draw our email lists to distribute information. If

you are not listed in eServices you will miss out on critical information from the 399th. Relying on your cadet for updates has not been overly successful, so we encourage you to get your email included. Thank you to Second Lieutenant Brian Waldron for bringing up the new calendar system and to the senior members who were on the committee to approve its use.

The big event for August is the Bridgewater Fair, a three day event held on August 15, 16 and 17 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) where we park cars. This is the main annual fundraiser for the squadron and provides the funds that allow us to hold cadet activities and make upgrades to the squadron for the benefit of all. We are short of staff this year due to squadron members attending CTWG Encampment. All cadet and senior members who are not at encampment are really needed to come and help. Anytime you can offer is appreciated, even if you cannot attend all three days. Parents are invited to help as well. We camp out on the fair grounds and the Bridgewater Fire Department provides us with meals and beverages for the weekend. If you have never been to the Bridgewater Fair, it is quite an event. A poll will be coming out soon regarding the fair.

I continue to be proud of the cadets as I see them grow and mature into very capable young men and women. You should all be proud of yourselves, and parents, you should be proud of your children.



Chaplain's Corner
Captain James A. Solomon
Chaplain/CT042



Clovis Chappell, a minister from a century back, used to tell the story of two paddleboats. They left Memphis about the same time, traveling down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. As they traveled side by side, sailors from one vessel made a few remarks about the snail's pace of the other. Words were exchanged. Challenges were made. And the race began. Competition became vicious as the two boats roared through the Deep South.

One boat began falling behind. Not enough fuel. There had been plenty of coal for the trip, but not enough for a race. As the boat dropped back, an enterprising young sailor took some of the ship's cargo and tossed it into the ovens. When the sailors saw that the supplies burned as well as the coal, they fueled their boat with the material they had been assigned to transport. They ended up winning the race, but burned their cargo.

God has entrusted cargo to us in Civil Air Patrol too: one another. Our job is to do our part in seeing that this cargo reaches its destination. Yet when the program takes priority over people, people often suffer. How much cargo do we sacrifice in order to achieve the number one slot? How many people never reach the destination because of the aggressiveness of a competitive captain? May I never be that captain!

Serving with you!

**Northeast Region Chaplain Corps
Staff College June 9-13, 2014
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ**

Presentations will include:

"Violence in the Community: the Role of the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain," by Danbury Composite Squadron Chaplain James Solomon

"The Role of the Chaplain at Basic Encampment," and "The Importance of CAP Core Values in the Basic Encampment Program," by CT Wing Chief of Staff Lieutenant Colonel James Ridley

"PTSD Studies: Assisting Veterans in the Local Community," by 2014 CT Wing Basic Encampment Chaplain Andrew Hart

For more information contact NER-CCSC Director Adma Ross, chross@ctwg.cap.gov





President Signs CAP Congressional Gold Medal Bill Founding Members Honored for World War II Service

Major Peter Milano,
Public Affairs Officer/CT042

On May 30 President Barack Obama signed into law S. 309, the bill awarding a Congressional Gold Medal to Civil Air Patrol for its service during World War II.

The legislation, approved in May 2013 by the Senate and last week by the House, recognizes the volunteer service of more than 120,000 men, women and teenagers who joined CAP immediately before and during the war. They helped protect the nation by warding off German U-boat attacks on American oil tankers bound for Allied nations. CAP's early members also took to the skies to patrol the nation's borders, tow targets for military training, watch for forest fires, conduct search and rescue missions, provide disaster relief, transport people and parts and conduct orientation flights for future pilots.

In Connecticut, CAP's World War II ranks include Joel B. Fairfax, from Madison, CT.

More information about Civil Air Patrol's World War II service is available at www.capgoldmedal.com, the organization's Congressional Gold Medal website.

The numbers alone tell a story of heroic sacrifice: At least 59 CAP members were killed in the performance of their missions, with nearly half – 26 – dying during the coastal patrols. Those patrols alone accounted for 86,685 missions involving 244,600 flight hours and more than 24 million aerial miles.

CAP was founded Dec. 1, 1941, a week before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The coastal patrols began within three months, after the Petroleum Industry War Council requested protection for oil tankers falling prey to German torpedoes. Over the next 15 months, members used their own planes to watch for U-boats, sometimes dropping bombs when they spotted one of the submarines. The Congressional Gold Medal marks the first major recognition CAP's members have received for their World War II service. Fewer than 100 are believed to be alive today.

“CAP is proud of the service our founding members provided in protecting the homeland, and we thank Congress for this recognition of their contributions to the war effort,” said Maj. Gen. Chuck Carr, CAP national commander.





Memorial Day New Fairfield

Captain Ralph Langham, Aerospace Education Officer/CT042
Commander, New Fairfield Veterans Association

This Memorial Day was a spectacular success. The weather was perfect and the attendance was great. New Fairfield's celebration of this day is a very solemn day, e.g. we do not have parades and as it was pointed out, there are no push carts selling balloons and trinkets.

The event started at exactly 10:30 a.m., when Civil Air Patrol Captain Johnny Burke flew the plane known as 44L (44 Lima) over Veterans Green. This was the first plane, other than military and police, to fly over the World Trade Center after 9/11. This was followed by music provided by the New Fairfield High School (NFHS) Band and the NFHS Chamber Singers. The ceremony officially began at 11 a.m. when New Fairfield Vice-Commander (NFVA) Greg Porpora opened the event. The convocation was given by Catholic Priest Father Karol and then all joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

This was followed by the New Fairfield High School Band and Singers performing the National Anthem.

New Fairfield Veterans Association (NFVA) Commander Ralph C. Langham then gave the following speech on the history of Memorial Day:

Memorial Day, originally called "Decoration Day," was held on May 30, 1868. On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed in his General Order No. 11, that a day be observed for flowers to be placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. *The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit."*

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery. That tradition continued un-officially for many years on the last weekend in May, known as Decoration Day, at Arlington and Civil War graves in cemeteries throughout the country.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War, to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays). Several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1986 President Ronald Reagan gave the following speech:

"If we look to the answer as to why for so many years we achieved so much, prospered as no other people on Earth, it was because here in this land we unleashed the energy and individual genius of man to a greater extent than has ever been done before. Freedom and the dignity of the individual have been more available and

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assured here than in any other place on Earth.

The price for this freedom at times has been high, but we have never been unwilling to pay that price. Those who say we were in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look. The sloping hills of Arlington National Cemetery, with its row upon row of simple white markers, bearing crosses or stars of David, add up to only a tiny fraction of the price that has been paid for our freedom. Each one of those markers is a monument to the kind of hero that I spoke of earlier. Their lives ended in places called Beliew Wood, the Argonne, Utah Beach, Poe Valley, and halfway around the world on Guadal Canal, Tarawa, Pork Chop Hill, the Chosen Reservoir, and a hundred rice paddies called Vietnam.



Captain Johnny Burke, 399th Danbury Squadron, flew over Veterans Green in New Fairfield to start the Memorial Day Ceremony
(Photo: Captain Ralph Langham)

Under one such marker lies a young man, Martin Treptow, who left his job in a small town barbershop in 1917 to go to France with the famed Rainbow Division. There, on the western front, he was killed trying to carry a message between battalions under heavy artillery fire. We're told that, on his body, was found a diary. On the flyleaf, under the heading 'My Pledge,' he had written the words: 'America must win this war. Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone.'

We must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon, in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries, in today's world, do not have. It is a weapon that we as Americans, do have. Let that be understood, by those who practice terrorism, and prey upon those neighbors. As for the enemies of freedom, those who are potential adversaries, they will be reminded that peace is the highest aspiration of the American people. We will negotiate for it, sacrifice for it, but we will not surrender for it now or ever. We are Americans."

Veteran John Hedtke then read the names of veterans who are on both New Fairfield's monuments. Wreaths were placed on the older monument by veteran Carmine Giordano and on the new monument by Sherman Veteran Commander William Butts. Both were accompanied by a girl scout and a Civil Air Patrol cadet.

The NFVA then gave a stirring rendition of Flanders Field. Military honors were then given and Father Karol gave the invocation in both English and Polish.

After the ceremony had ended, Commander Butts, Commander Langham and Vice Commander Greg Porpora presented veteran's patches to NFVA Girl Scouts. The day was a total success.

Information about NFVA may be obtained by contacting us at NFVA, Box 8088, New Fairfield, CT 06812 or at 203-746-5400. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the New Fairfield Senior Center. If you are an American Veteran who has been honorably discharged, please come and see what we are all about. You will be glad you did as you will become part of a dynamic patriotic organization.

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[Squadron Picasa Web Albums](#)
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[399th Danbury Composite Squadron](#)



Long Island Sound Patrol is Back

Captain John Freeman

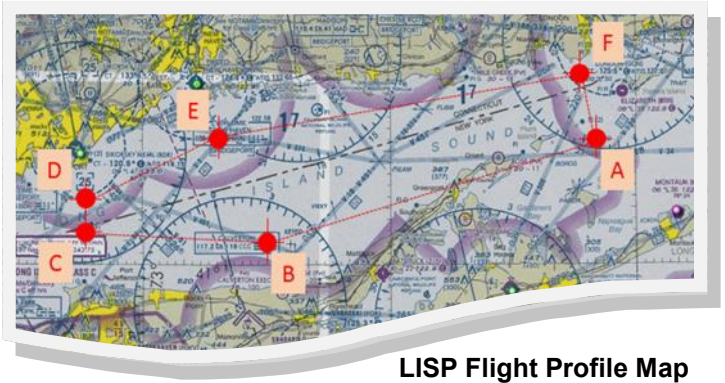
Director of Operations/CT042

As Memorial Day rolls by, aircrews from Connecticut Wing know it's time once again to start LISP operations over Long Island Sound.

Long Island Sound is an important waterway, not only from an economic standpoint but also as a recreational resource. Approximately \$800 billion worth of cargo passes through the sound every year and its shores are lined with critical infrastructure such as power plants (including a nuclear one), industrial facilities, railroads, major highways and the U.S. Navy Submarine base in Groton, CT. During the summer months the Sound is dotted most weekends with various watercrafts using the sound for recreational activities.

Since Long Island Sound is such a critical waterway, the Connecticut Wing of Civil Air Patrol provides aerial reconnaissance of the Sound on weekends from Memorial Day into September. While in the Long Island Sound Patrol area, CAP aircraft are in contact with the U.S. Coast Guard so that suspicious activities involving infrastructure or shipping, environmental issues (such as petroleum spills) and assistance to vessels in distress can be quickly reported and addressed.

The operational area, as shown in the LISP flight profile map, covers the eastern two thirds of Long Island Sound. Typically 3, three-hour flights are con-



LISP Flight Profile Map

(Photo: Captain John Freeman)

ducted per weekend. One flight takes place on Saturday and two flights on Sunday, with flight operations ending at dusk. Holiday weekends usually include two additional flights to cover the holiday itself.

Civil Air Patrol Aircrew interested in participating in the 2014 LISP should contact the point of contact (POC) for their hub to get assigned to a flight. Crewmembers should be qualified as Mission Pilot, Mission Observer, Mission Scanner, Aerial Photographer or as a trainee for one of these positions to participate. Only one trainee per sortie is allowed.

Below is a list of the three LISP hubs. Interested aircrew can contact the appropriate hub POC for inclusion in LISP operations.

KHFD: CT004; CTO14; CTO27; CT058; CT071

KGON: CT073; CT074; CT075

KDXR: CT001; CT022; CT042; CTO62



See page [13](#) for meeting date details, including uniform of the day!



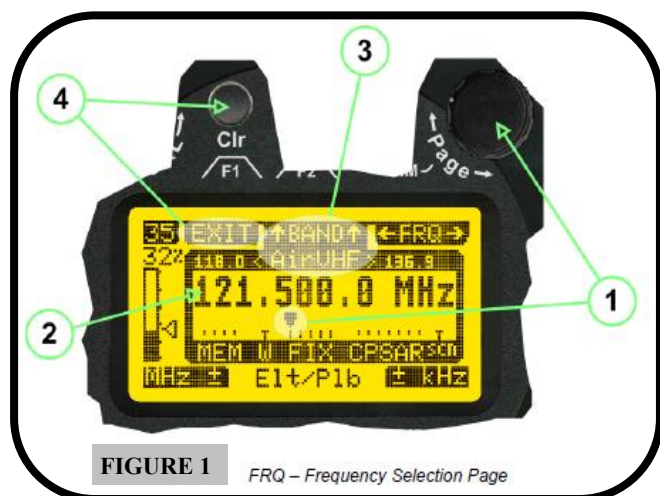


Becker RT-600

Captain Johnny Burke
Stan/Eval Officer/CT042

Our newest Becker RT-600, a high precision search and rescue direction finder system designed specifically for use on aircraft, has been installed in N9344L.

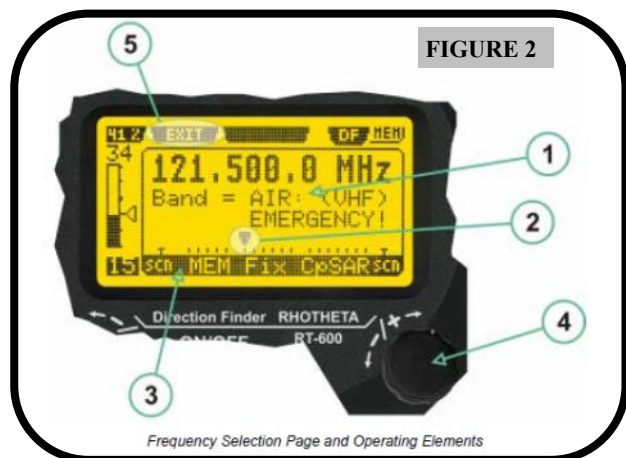
The knob-ology and nomenclature are different from the new Becker RT-600 that is in N273CP. One major difference is which knob is used for frequency selection. In the newest Becker RT-600 (44L) the upper right hand knob is used to select a frequency:



Becker RT- 600 installed in N9344L

Figure 1: item number 1, upper right hand knob selects frequency. (Photo: Becker Avionic Systems)

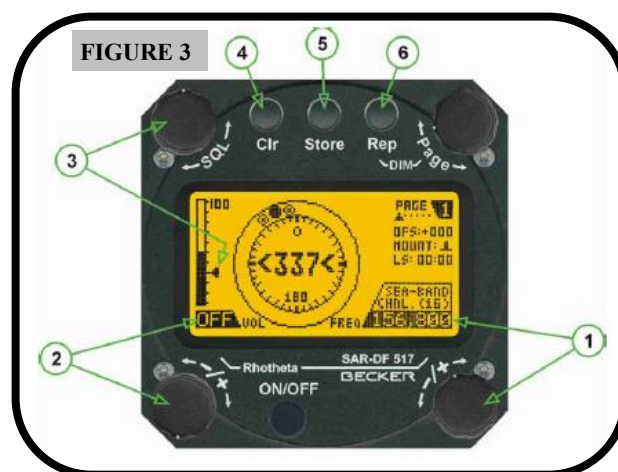
The Becker RT-600 in 3CP uses the lower right hand knob for frequency selection:



Becker RT- 600 installed in N273CP

Figure 2: item number 4, lower right hand knob selects frequency. (Photo: Becker Avionic Systems)

Just to keep things interesting, here is what the old Becker units look like (Figure 3):



Becker SAR-DF 517

Figure 3: item number 1, lower right hand knob selects frequency (Photo: Becker Avionic Systems)

Frequency selection is accomplished with the lower right hand knob, and the bearing page (DF) remains displayed when the frequency is changed.

If you'd like to review these differences, visit the following websites for the three manuals:

[Becker SAR-DF 517](#)

[New Becker RT-600](#)

[Newest Becker RT-600](#)

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399th Danbury Composite Squadron
News can now be accessed online.
Issues date from July 2012 to present.

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OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, AL 36112

21 May 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CAP MEMBERS

FROM: CAP/CC

CAP Nondiscrimination Policy

SUBJECT: Nondiscrimination

1. Civil Air Patrol is committed to equality of opportunity in offering access to its educational and operational programs and activities. Nondiscrimination and diversity are critical to our success as an organization.
2. CAP provides an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members and ensures that educational, membership and operational decisions are based on each individual's abilities and qualifications. Consistent with this practice and applicable laws, it is CAP policy not to discriminate in offering access to its programs and activities, or with respect to membership terms and conditions, on the basis of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, or disability. This policy ensures that only relevant factors are considered and that equitable and consistent standards of conduct and performance are applied.
3. Commanders at all levels are responsible for ensuring that members under their command are aware of and adhere to CAP's nondiscrimination policy.
4. Allegations of violations of the CAP Nondiscrimination Policy will be sent to the Equal Opportunity Officer (EOO), Lt Col Walter Vertreace. Submission of allegations and/or complaints directly to the CAP/EOO will not be considered a violation of the chain of command.
 - a. Those wishing to submit a discrimination complaint should review CAPR 36-2 for procedures and guidance. Additional guidance may also be obtained by contacting the EOO.
 - b. The CAP/EOO can be contacted at wvertreace@comcast.net, (267) 971-9442, or by writing to Equal Opportunity Officer, 105 South Hansell Street, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112.
5. Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to the CAP/EOO.

CHARLES L. CARR, JR.
Major General, CAP
National Commander

[To download a PDF of the letter, please click here.](#)





~ May 26, 2014 ~
Cadets and Senior Officers from the
399th Danbury Composite Squadron and
801st Cadet Squadron (New Fairfield)
marched in the Danbury Memorial Day Parade

(Photos: Major Peter Milano)

"EVER VIGILANT/ALWAYS READY"





~ May 17, 2014 ~

Cadets Launched Rockets at the Commander's Cup Rocket Competition in Durham, CT

(Photos: Courtesy Captain Ralph Langham)



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Search & Rescue	Major James Vigar
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Standardization/Evaluation	Capt Johnny Burke
Transportation	2d Lt. Jeffrey Jenkins



EVENTS & TRAINING

399th Great Start Weekend

June 7 & 8: Squadron HQ

Search & Rescue Exercise

June 7: Groton, CT

Business Aircraft Center Show

June 8: Danbury Municipal Airport

National Emergency Services Academy

Session 1: Jul 20 to 26

Session 2: Jul 27 to Aug 2

Camp Atterbury, Edinburgh, IN

www.nesa.cap.gov

Bridgewater Car Show

June 22: Bridgewater, CT

Danbury Fireworks Display

June 3: Squadron HQ

First Aid Class

July 12: Squadron HQ

CTWG Golf Tournament

July 18 (rain or shine)

Timberlin Golf Club, Berlin, CT

CTWG Basic Leadership Encampment

August 9-16; Niantic, CT

ctwg.cap.gov/2014-ctwg-encampment

2014 CAP National Conference

August 14-16: Las Vegas, NV

Bridgewater Fair

August 15, 16 & 17; Bridgewater, CT

Search & Rescue Exercise

August 23: Hartford, CT

Cadet Ball

September 20 (tentative)

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Commander's Call & CAC Meeting

October 1: Middletown, CT

**Northeast Region Aerospace
Education Officers Course**

October 16-18

Bradley Airport, Windsor Locks, CT

**Combined Connecticut Wing,
Northeast Region Conference**

October 17-19

Bradley Airport, Windsor Locks, CT

Northeast Region Staff College

October 18 to 25

Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst, NJ

<http://www.ner.cap.gov/nersc/>

Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters

What: 2014 National Conference

"Preparing for Tomorrow's Challenges"

Where: Tropicana Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

When: August 14-16, 2014

Early Bird Registration is now open!

[www.capmembers.com/events/
national_conference/](http://www.capmembers.com/events/national_conference/)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Over [50 learning labs](#) emphasizing the theme, *Preparing for Tomorrow's Challenges* will be presented on August 15 and 16.

[Nine pre-conference workshops](#) are also being offered prior to the conference, August 11 through 14. The pre-conference courses are designed for those wanting more intense training in specific areas. Space is limited, so register early.

If you have any questions, email events@capnhq.gov



JUNE 2014 CALENDAR

6/03	Squadron Meeting	BDUs	399th HQ	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
6/10	Squadron Meeting	PTs	399th HQ	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
6/17	Squadron Meeting	Blues	399th HQ	6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
6/24	Squadron Meeting	BDU's	399th HQ	6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Submission Guidelines

Send submissions via email to pao@399cap.org in MS Word format
(limit to approximately 325 words).

Photos should be sent as attachments, in JPG or TIF format.

Include photo credits, cutline information, and an electronic copy of the associated story.
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Deadline for the July 2014 issue is 27 June

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its unpaid professionals also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 26,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 72 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans.

Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.

